

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that claims 10-11, 20, 24-25, 29-31 and 33 are allowed .

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowed subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 8 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Inoue *et al.* (US Pat. 6,407,442) previously applied, in view of Matsumoto *et al.* (US Pat. 6,069,060) newly cited.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 32 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Natsume (US Pat. 5,356,826) previously applied, in view of Ting (US Pat. 5,838,032) previously applied.

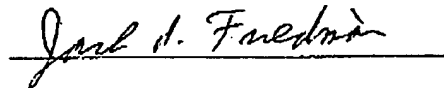
Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled, and claims 4, 8, 32, and 34 were amended to depend from allowed claim 20. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that the rejection of claims 1, 6, 8 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot.

Applicants note that the amendment of claims 4, 8, 32, and 34 herein reflect a telephone discussion between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on June 6, 2005.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

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